SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, will the Government consider the question as a general one and work out a formula for sharing the inter-State river waters with reference to judicial pronouncements on agrarian rights of the different regions served by the rivers?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : A separate question may be put, Sir.

Harijan Welfare Elementary Schools

* 134 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Harijan Welfare Elementary Schools in the State district-wise ;

(*b*) the number of teachers working in such schools grade-wise ; and

(*c*) the number of teachers confirmed so far?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) to (*c*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, what is the reason for forty-five per cent of the teachers being kept unconfirmed?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : I have not got the information with me now. But the Director of Harijan Welfare has promised to send proposals for each district separately in order to avoid delay in confirmation.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Do the Government assure us that in all the posts which have been continuing at least for three years, teachers will be confirmed?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : I cannot give an assurance now.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is there any proposal at least to increase the number of confirmed teachers? It is only 55 now.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : It will be considered. I have already answered the hon. Member's supplementary question.

Kodaikanal Municipality

* 135 *Q*.—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Adminisatration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to convert Kodaikanal Municipality into a Township;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to develop Kodaikanal as a tourist centre; and

(*c*) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 452 supra.